

**United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development**

Rural Utilities Service

ASSISTANCE TO HIGH ENERGY COST RURAL COMMUNITIES

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROFILE
(To Be Completed by the Grant Applicant)**

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and RUS implementing regulations (7 CFR Part 1794) to consider the potential environmental impacts resulting from providing Federal financial assistance. As an applicant for Federal financial assistance, your project will be subject to the requirements of RUS's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1794) prior to the release of any grant or loan funds.

Please complete the following project profile to facilitate the Agency's initial environmental review. The RUS Environmental Staff will evaluate the requested information as part of the final pre-award review for selected applicants.

Part I: General Information

1. Describe the project as specifically as possible, i.e. new facilities to be constructed, capital purchases, equipment purchases or modifications to existing facilities.
2. Is any part of your project located on land owned or under the jurisdiction of a Federal or state agency?

If yes, please identify the agency(s).

3. Does any part of your project require review and or permitting by any Federal, State, regional, local, tribal, environment, or regulatory agency?

If yes, please provide a list of required reviews and permits.

4. Has an environmental impact review (e.g. NEPA documentation, permits, agency consultations) related to the project been prepared?

If yes, please provide details. You may be asked to provide a summary or copy of the report as part of a pre-award review.

5. Is the proposed project part of a larger project? If yes, please describe.

6. Do you anticipate requesting additional Federal funding for subsequent phases of this project?

If yes, please describe.

7. If the scope of your project is limited to the installation or replacement of equipment or facilities located within existing buildings or other structures and does not involve outside construction or ground disturbance, please skip to Part III. Otherwise continue with Part II

Part II: Environmental Considerations

Provide the following information, as appropriate, for the construction of new facilities or modification of existing facilities.

1. The amount of clearing or excavation required. Indicate the estimated number of acres or length and width of the right-of-way if the project is linear (e.g. pipeline or power line).
2. The amount of dredge and/or fill in wetlands. Indicate the number of acres involved.
3. Describe any pre-existing contamination of the construction site.
4. Areas with special designation that may be impacted (e.g. National Forests, Parks, Trails)
5. Proximity of the project to floodplains, wetlands, coastal management zones, or coastal barrier resource areas.

Part III: Contact Information

Please provide the name, address, telephone number and email address of the preparer of this form and a contact person who can answer questions or provide additional information.

(This is not an official Government form. It has been prepared to assist and expedite the application process and is only intended for use in the USDA Rural Development High Energy Cost Grant Program.)

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